

BATTAM BANG BANG

SCENARIO ASL TAC 69

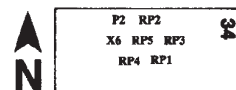
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Road to KHUM KANDAL, BATTAMBANG, CAMBODIA, 16 January 1941:

At the end of 1940, the Thai army, emboldened by the French Indochina occupation by the Japanese, undertook to conquer the territories that were given to Cambodia at the end of the 19th century. There followed a long period of border incidents during which both sides mobilized their troops. Beginning in 1941, the Thai army crossed the border in massive numbers. In spite of General Boisboissel's wishes to establish a defense in depth, French high command decided to go for the first large-scale engagement in the area.

BOARD PLACEMENT:



BALANCE:

- Delete SSR 4
- Replace the 7 Thai 3-3-7 squads with 7 5-3-7 squads.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The side that scored the most VPs wins at scenario end. Each side scores CVPs normally (EXC: Prisoners never count double their normal Victory Points). The French also score Exit VPs by exiting units on/between GG4 and GG7.

● THAI set up first	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
○ FRENCH move first										

Elements of Yang Dang Khun garrison, Thai Royal Army [ELR:3]
set up HIP on/west of hexrow P {SAN:6}:

4	7	2					2	

Elements of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Colonial mixed Infantry Regiment [ELR:3]
set up in a single column [E11.5] on road hexes on/between H6 and N5 {SAN:2}:

2	4	18						

Elements of 2nd Battalion, 5th Colonial Artillery Regiment
set up in a single column in F6 and G7 (Guns are Towed and Crews passengers):

2	2	2

Elements of 3rd Battalion, 5th Colonial Infantry Regiment
enter on Turn 2 in a single column [E11.5] on A5 road:

4	7							3

Scenario Design: Brent Pollock '95

SSR:

- EC are moderate with a Mild Breeze blowing from the northwest at start. Kindling is NA. PTO terrain is in effect with Dense Jungle. Rice Paddies are drained. Road A5-P5-Q6-GG5 does exist.
- Place the following overlays: 1 in DD8-DD9, P2 in oT7-oU7, X6 in oY7, RP5 in oX6-oX7, RP4 in oW9-oV8, RP2 in oU6-oV5 and RP1 in oT6.
- Thai units are represented by Chinese units; Chinese troop rules don't apply [EXC: G18.2 does apply]. The 5-3-7 MMCs have Assault Fire.
- No column may Disband [E11.53] as long as no Thai units are known to any French unit. When a Thai unit is known to a French unit, any column may Disband. The Columns must move toward the western edge at maximum speed without using Double-Time. French Green units have an ELR of 2.

AFTERMATH: In the night before the attack, the French artillery observers conducted a quick recon that largely underestimated the Thai forces. No more recons were attempted, the French Command feeling them unnecessary. For that reason, the French-Cambodian forces left their positions without taking any security precautions and without coordination with the HQ. The Thai opposition was well equipped with semi-automatic and automatic weapons (The Thai army was modernized by the Americans in 1939). Confronted with this problem and with many snipers camouflaged in the trees, the Cambodian troops of the mixed Battalion ran away. The artillery was inefficient in this enclosed terrain and only the arrival of the Colonial troops allowed stabilization of the front. Luckily for the French Command, the Thai High Command didn't realize the situation and didn't exploit its advantage. Finally, at the end of the month, the fights stopped because of the cease-fire imposed by the Japanese.